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Poverty Line
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have agreed to use the poverty line for tracking the progress of welfare schemes rather than for identifying the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of innovative and successful model used by different States in addressing poverty reduction;
(c) whether Government has decided radical reform instead of incremental reforms to eradicate poverty by 2032 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reaction thereto; and
(d) whether Government has focused on capacity development to block level functionaries and if so, the details thereof and if not the reaction thereto?

Answer

INISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development has conducted the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 (Rural) in the country through State Governments/UT Administrations to collect information on socio-economic status of rural households across the country to determine eligibility and entitlements for its Schemes. The Ministry has decided to use the SECC 2011 data for identification of beneficiaries under its schemes/programmes.
The SECC data is being used for identifying beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), Deendayal Antodaya Yojana -National Rural Livelihood Mission and Deen Dayal Upadhayay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana. SECC data are also being used by some States for implementing the National Food Security Act (NFSA). M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas has used the SECC 2011 data for its scheme Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission, Deen Dayal Upadhaya - Gramin Kaushalya Yojana, Indira Awaas Yojana now restructured as Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission, Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme and National Social Assistance Programme to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities.
(d): National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj and State Institutes of Rural Development are providing training to various stakeholders engaged in rural development including rural development functionaries for capacity building.